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II. REMARKS

A. STATUS SUMMARY

Claims 3, 5-14 and 17-43 are pending in the present application. Claims 27-33 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected subject matter, claims 23-26 are allowed, claims 3, 6-14, 18-22, 34, 35, and 37-43 presently stand rejected, and claims 5, 17 and 36 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With this amendment, claims 3, 13, 34 and 35 are amended to clarify the relationship of the claimed elements and not to overcome the cited prior art.

B. CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 3, 6-14, 18-22, 34, 35 and 37-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Morad (U.S. Pat. No. 6,023,812). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because Morad fails to teach each and every element or feature recited in these claims.

Claims 3, 13 and 34 each recite that the arm member is pivotably coupled to "the interface section" of the mounting mechanism or mounting assembly. The Examiner has identified the adapter member (20, 120, 220, 320) as the "housing," and the lower portion of the housing as the "interface." Moreover, the Examiner has identified the "arm member" to be the pawl (see 38 of Figs. 3 and 4, and the corresponding unlabeled portion of Fig. 7) and identifies the "pivotal arm member movable coupled to the shaft, via the distal end teeth" (see figure on Page 3 of Office Action date May 2, 2006). Thus, according to the Examiner, Morad teaches that the "arm member" (i.e., the pawl) is pivotably coupled to the shaft – *not* to the interface, as recited in Claims 3, 13 and 34. See Morad at col. 6, lns. 56-63 and col. 7, lns. 22-24) ("The cylindrical shaped body [of the adaptor member 20] comprises . . . a side slot 36 located on the

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proximal portion;" and "The pawl 38 is pivotally mounted in the side slot 36 by a roll pin 44 and biased by a coil spring 46.")

Because Morad fails to teach each and every limitation of claims 3, 13 and 34, these claims are not anticipated by Morad. Moreover, because claims 5-12 depend directly or indirectly from claim 3, claims 14 and 17-22 depend directly or indirectly from claim 13, and claims 35-43 depend directly or indirectly from claim 34, these dependent claims are all distinguishable over Morad for at least the same reason as regards claims 3, 13 and 34.

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III. CONCLUSION

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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